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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, relative to student identification.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 7, is amended by adding Sections 2 through 5 as a new part entitled "Student Identification".

SECTION 2. As used in this act, unless the context otherwise requires:

(a) "Individual" means a student, faculty member, or staff member of an institution of higher education.

(b) "Institution of higher education" means any institution operated by the state board of regents, or the University of Tennessee board of trust.

(c) "Social security number" means an individual's nine-digit social security number, or any four (4) or more consecutive numbers contained in the individual's social security number.

SECTION 3. If an institution of higher education assigns an individual identification number to students, faculty, or staff members, the identification number shall not be identical to the individual's social security number.

SECTION 4. The institution of higher education may use the individual's social security number for purposes specifically authorized or required by law or in compliance with any federal law that may:

- (1) Regulate that institution's collection or use of social security numbers; and
- (2) Protect the privacy rights of faculty, staff, or students.

SECTION 5. The institution of higher education shall not:

- (1) Allow the display of the individual's social security number to identify an individual on any internet site maintained by the institution;
- (2) Allow the display of the individual's social security number to identify an individual on class rosters, public listing of grades, or other lists provided to teachers; or
- (3) Allow the display of the individual's social security number to identify an individual on student identification cards, in student directories or similar listings.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect on July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.